THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Monday, the 24th August **1970.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at four of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. THIRU C. P. CHITRARASU) in the Chair.

1. EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF THIRU P. GOVINDA MENON, UNION MINISTER FOR LAW; THIRU V. KURMAIAH, THIRU K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR, FORMER MINISTERS OF THE COMPOSITE MADRAS STATE, THIRU V. S. S. MANI AND THIRU K. M. RAMASWAMI GOUNDER, SITTING MEMBERS OF THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THIRU S. V. KALYANARAMAN, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the House of the passing away of Thiru P. Govinda Menon, Union Minister for Law; Thiru V. Kurmaiah, Thiru K. P. Kuttikrishnan Nair, former Ministers of the Composite Madras State; Thiru V. S. S. Mani, and Thiru K. M. Ramaswami Gounder, sitting Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, and Thiru S. V. Kalyanaraman, a former Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council.

Thiru P. Govinda Menon was a Member of the Cochin Legislature during 1935, 1938, 1945 and 1948. He was Minister for Food, Cochin State in 1946 and Prime Minister of Cochin State, during 1946–47. He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly of India and Provisional Parliament. He was Minister for Education of Travancore-Cochin during 1948–51 and was Finance Minister during 1952–54 and Chief Minister of that State during 1955–56. He was a Member of the Lok Sabha since 1962 and Union Minister for Food since January 1966 and Union Law Minister since March 1967.

Thiru V. Kurmaiah, was a Member of the composite Madras State Legislative Assembly representing Bandar, General Rural (Scheduled Caste) Constituency during 1936–39 and 1946–52. He was a Miniser during 1946–69 in charge of Public Information Emigration.

Thiru K. P. Kuttikrishnan Nair was a former Member of the composite Madras State Legislative Assembly representing the Kozhikode Assembly Constituency during 1952–56. He was a

former Minister during 1952-54 in charge of Courts, Prisons and Legal Department. He was a Member of the Senate of the Madras University. He was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha during 1957–62.

Thiru V. S. S. Mani was a sitting Member of the Tamil Nadu Assembly representing the Athoor Assembly Constituency. He was a Member of the Assembly since 1962. He was a Member of the Madurai District Board and President Sithayankottai Panchayat Board. He was interested in the uplift of the handloom weavers, and connected with many handloom organisations.

Thiru K. M. Ramaswamy Gounder was a sitting Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly representing the Gobichettipalayam Assembly Constituency from 1967 onwards. He was a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council during 1958–62. He was Member, Senate of the Madras University, 1949–52, Member, Secondary Education Board, Coimbatore, 1933–36, and President, Karattadipalayam Co-operative Credit and Harijan Societies for a number of years. He was Headmaster, Diamond Jubilee High School, during 1940–59.

Thiru S. V. Kalyanaraman was a former Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council representing the South Arcot-cum-Tanjore-cum-Tiruchirappalli Local Authorities Constituency during 1957–60. He was a Member, Syndicate, Senate and Academic Council of the Annamalai University from 1952.

On behalf of this House, I shall convey our deep sense of sorrow to the members of the bereaved families.

I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a couple of minutes as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Accordingly the members stood in silence for a couple of minutes.

II. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Ramasamy Raja Polytechnic at Rajapalayam.

* *Q.*1.—Thiru T. K. SHANMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a leading Eye Surgeon of Madurai gave evidence against the Management of Ramasamy Raja Polytechnic at Rajapalayam and certain high Police Officials in the enquiry conducted